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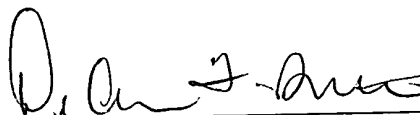
Withdrawal of Certain Rejections

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Higashijima *et al.* has been withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the Claims:**

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 have been cancelled.

Claims 2-5, 8 and 10 have been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 8, wherein the agent binds G α subunit.
3. (Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 8, wherein the agent is a cell permeable agent.
4. (Amended) The method of claim ~~3~~ 8, wherein the agent is a peptide.
5. (Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 8, wherein the peptide is mastoparan or an analog thereof.
8. (Amended) A method for treating septic shock in a subject, The method of claim ~~1~~, wherein the septic shock is endotoxic shock is induced by gram positive bacteria, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an agent which binds G protein, to thereby inhibit the interaction of said G protein and CD14, such that septic shock in the subject is treated.
10. (Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 8, further comprising administering an antibiotic to the subject.

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2. **(Amended)** The method of claim 8, wherein the agent binds G α subunit.
3. **(Amended)** The method of claim 8, wherein the agent is a cell permeable agent.
4. **(Amended)** The method of claim 8, wherein the agent is a peptide.
5. **(Amended)** The method of claim 8, wherein the peptide is mastoparan or an analog thereof.
8. **(Amended)** A method for treating septic shock in a subject, wherein the septic shock is endotoxic shock induced by gram positive bacteria, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an agent which binds G protein, to thereby inhibit the interaction of said G protein and CD14, such that septic shock in the subject is treated.
10. **(Amended)** The method of claim 8, further comprising administering an antibiotic to the subject.

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